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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Redetachable, self-adhesive device having a plate, the sides and/or front side of which have fastening means, if appropriate, and the rear side of which has a strip of an adhesive film which is adhesive on both sides and is adhesively attached in such a way that one end of the adhesive film protrudes beyond the plate as a grip, the adhesive film being of such a kind that the adhesive bond achieved with it can be released again by pulling in the direction of the bonding plane, stretching the strip, characterized in that the rear side of the plate has laterally alongside the adhesively attached adhesive film spacers ~~(3A, 3B)~~, the height of which is less than the thickness of the adhesive film strip.
2. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 1, wherein the spacers ~~(3A, 3B)~~ are located on both sides alongside the adhesively attached adhesive filmstrip.
3. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 1, wherein the spacers ~~(3A, 3B)~~ are formed as fillets or segments.

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4. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 1, wherein the spacers (3A, 3B) are arranged on both sides and, on each of these sides, at least in the region of the two ends.
5. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 1, wherein the height of the spacers (3A, 3B) is 35 - 90% of the thickness of the adhesive film strip.
7. (Previously Presented) Device according to Claim 1, wherein the adhesive filmstrip, with or without an intermediate substrate, is elastically or plastically extensible.
8. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 1, wherein the adhesion of the adhesive film (5) is less than the cohesion, the adhesiveness is to a great extent dissipated when the film is extended, and the ~~ratio~~ratio of pulling-off force to tearing load is at least 1:1.5, the adhesive film being of the kind which is based on thermoplastic rubber and tackifying resins, with high elasticity and low plasticity.
9. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 1, wherein the rear side of the adhesive film strip is covered with a release laminate, ~~such as a siliconized release paper or a release film.~~
10. (Currently Amended) Device according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the rear side of the adhesive film strip is covered with a release laminate, such as a siliconized release paper or a release film~~ at the sides of the plate there are engagement devices into which a corresponding hook or the like can be engaged.

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11. (Previously Presented) Device according to Claim 1, wherein a spacer is arranged at one of the end faces on the rear side of the plate alongside the adhesively attached adhesive filmstrip.
12. (Currently Amended) Method of using a plate for a device according to Claim 1, for self-adhesive fastening and easy, residue-free redetachment, said method comprising adhering said device to a substrate to effect self-adhesive fastening, and then pulling on the grip in the direction of the bonding plane to stretch the adhesive strip to effect easy, residue-free detachment.